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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY CHIEF SECRETARIAT (ENVIRONMENT)

No. 16/Envt./2016.

Puducherry, the 25th January 2016.

NOTIFICATION

The Order in S.O. 2570(E), dated 10th September 2015 of the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi as published in the Extraordinary Gazette of India, Part-II, section-3 – sub-section (ii), No. 222, dated 18th September 2015 is hereby republished for general information of the public.

E. RAJESWARI,

Under Secretary to Government (Environment).

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

New Delhi, the 10th September 2015.

ORDER

S.O. 2570(E).—In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (29 of 1986) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government hereby constitutes the Puducherry Coastal Zone Management Authority (hereinafter referred to as the Authority) consisting of the following persons, for a period of three years, with effect from the date of publication of this order in the Official Gazette, namely:—

(i) Secretary, - Chairman;

Department of Science, Technology and Environment,

Government of Puducherry, Puducherry

(ii) Director, Department of Fisheries and Fishermen Welfare, -Member;

Government of Puducherry, Puducherry

(iii) Chief Town Planner, -Member;

Town and Country Planning Department, Government of Puducherry, Puducherry

(iv) Prof. Dr. R. Ramesh, Director, -Member;

National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management,

Anna University, Chennai-25

(v) Dr. M.V. Ramana Murthy, -Member;

Scientist 'G' and Head, Offshore Structure Division,

National Institute of Ocean Technology, Chennai

(vi) Thiru Jurgen Putz, -Member;

Director, Palmyra,

Centre for Ecological Landuse, Water Management and Rural Development, Auroville, Tamil Nadu

(vii) Member Secretary, Puducherry Pollution Control Committee, -Member Puducherry Secretary.

- 2. The Authority shall have the power to take the following measures for protecting and improving the quality of the coastal environment and preventing, abating and controlling environmental pollution in areas of Union territory of Puducherry, namely:
 - examination of proposals for changes or modifications in classification of Coastal Regulation Zone areas and in the Coastal Zone Management Plan received from the Government of Puducherry and making specific recommendations from Coastal Regulation point of view in accordrance with the provisions of the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 6th January, 2011, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii);
 - (ii) (a) inquire into cases of alleged violation of the provisions of the said Act or the rules made thereunder or any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act and, if found necessary in a specific case, issuing directions under section 5 of the said Act, in so far as such directions are not inconsistent with any direction issued in that specific case by the National Coastal Zone Management Authority or by the Central Government;
 - (b) review of cases involving violation of the provisions of the said Act and the rules made thereunder or under any other law which is relatable to the objects of the said Act, and if found necessary referring such cases, with comments, for review to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority:

Provided that the Authority may take up the cases under clauses (a) and (b) suo motu or on the basis of complaint made by an individual or representative body or an organisation;

- (iii) filing complaints, under section 19 of the said Act, in cases of non-compliance of the directions issued by it under sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii);
- (iv) to take action under section 10 of the said Act to verify the facts concerning the issues arising from sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii).
- 3. The Authority shall deal with environmental issues relating to Coastal Regulation Zone which may be referred to it by the Government of Puducherry, the National Coastal Zone Management Authority or the Central Government, as the case may be.
- The Authority shall identify ecologically sensitive areas in the Coastal Regulation Zone and formulate area-specific management plans for such identified areas.
- Authority shall co-ordinate for implementing conservation projects or projects related to upliftment
 of coastal population protection, and other matters relating thereto.
- The Authority shall identify coastal areas highly vulnerable to erosion or degradation and formulate area-specific management plans for such identified areas and arrange funding for the implementation of the same.
- The Authority shall identify economically important stretches in the Coastal Regulation Zone and prepare Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plans for the same.
- 8. The Authority shall submit the plans prepared by it under paragraphs 4, 6 and 7 and modifications thereof to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority for examination and its approval.
- 9. The Authority shall ensure compliance of all specific conditions that are laid down in the approved Coastal Zone Management Plan of Puducherry and the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19(E), dated the 6th January, 2011.
- The Authority shall furnish report of its activities at least once in six months to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- 11. The quorum of the meeting of the Authority shall be one third of the total number of members of the Authority.
- 12. The Authority shall prepare and submit Coastal Regulation Zone maps of the coastal areas in the Union Territory of Puducherry as per the procedure laid down in the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Environment and Forests number S.O. 19 (E), dated the 6th January, 2011, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii), to the National Coastal Zone Management Authority and the Central Government in the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- 13. The Authority shall create a dedicated website to maintain transparency in the working of the Coastal Zone Management Authority and post the agenda, minutes, decisions taken, clearance letters, violations, action taken on the violations and court cases including the Orders of the Courts as also the approved Coastal Zone Management Plans of the Union territory of Puducherry.
- 14. The foregoing powers and functions of the Authority shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Central Government.
- 15. The Authority shall have its headquarters at Puducherry.
- 16. Any matter specifically not falling within the scope and jurisdiction of the Authority shall be dealt with by statutory authorities concerned.

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BISHWANATH SINHA,

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